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SUBJ: BURUNDI APOLOGIZES TO TANZANIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1023

1. APRIL 4 TANZANIAN PRESS HIGHLIGHTED BURUNDI APOLOGY FOR MARCH 15 ATTACK ON TANZANIAN VILLAGES WHICH LEFT 74 PEOPLE DEAD. BURUNDI AMBASSADOR MANGONA, FOLLOWING RECENT VISIT TO VILLAGES, CALLED ON GOT FONMIN MALECELA APRIL 3 IN ORDER CONVEY GOB " SINCERE APOLOGIES" OVER INCIDENT. MANGONA ADMITTED THAT ATTACK TOOK PLACE INSIDE TANZANIA, ADDING THAT BURUNDI SECURITY FORCES HAD ORDERS TO CONDUCT POLICE OPERATIONS AGAINST REBELS INSIDE SOUTHERN PART OF BURUNDI. UNFAMILIARITY WITH BORDER LED TO ATTACK IN TANZANIA. MANGONA SAID GOB WILL DO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENT  
AND WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

2. MALECELA SAID TANZANIA ACCEPTS GOB APOLOGY, ADDING BARB  
THAT TANZANIA' S BORDER WITH BURUNDI IS WELL MARKED. HE SHARED  
MANGONA' S VIEW THAT INCIDENT WAS ISOLATED ONE BUT EMPHASIZED  
" IT SHOULD NEVER BE REPEATED".

3. GOVERNMENT- OWNED DAILY NEWS REPORTED ON MARCH 31 THAT  
TANZANIAN VILLAGERS ALONG TANZANIA- BURUNDI BORDER IN KIGOMA  
REGION HAD APPEALED TO TANU AND GOVERNMENT FOR MILITIA  
TRAINING IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST ENEMIES.  
KIGOMA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SAID PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO  
PROVIDE REQUESTED TRAINING. VILLAGERS ALSO URGED GOVERNMENT  
TO MOVE BARUNDI REFUGEES FROM BORDER AREA AS QUICKLY AS  
POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONFIRM RUMOR APRIL 3 THAT TANZANIA HAD  
QUIETLY STOPPED ALL TRANSIT OF GOODS TO AND FROM BURUNDI,  
PRESUMABLY IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRESSURE FOR OBTAINING APOLOGY  
FROM GOB.

5. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW TANGOV HANDLED THIS INCIDENT WITH  
USUALLY FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR IN DEFT, SKILLFUL MANNER. TANZANIA  
CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED SITE OF ATTACK BEFORE ACCUSING GOB.  
WHEN BURUNDI FONMIN DENIED CHARGES, TANZANIA SLOWLY STEPPED  
UP VERBAL CHARGES AND INSISTED THAT BURUNDI AMBASSADOR IN  
TANZANIA VISIT SITE. DURING INTERVAL BETWEEN BURUNDI  
AMBASSADOR' S AGREEMENT TO VISIT SITE AND DELIVERY OF HIS  
APOLOGY TO GOT, TANZANIA RELAXED PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN, THOUGH  
MAY HAVE HINTED EFFECTIVELY AT POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC  
BLOCKADE GOODS DESTINED FOR BURUNDI. ULTIMATELY,  
TANZANIA NOT ONLY RECEIVED GRACIOUS APOLOGY BUT PROMISE BY  
GOB TO PAY COMPENSATION. EMBASSY BELIEVES BURUNDI- TANZANIAN  
RELATIONS WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO NORMAL, BARRING ADDITIONAL  
UNEXPECTED INCIDENTS.  
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